PROTESTANT JACOBITES

Represented to be the *Popes* friends In a Letter to a Gentleman in *London* a Member of the *British-Parliament.*

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Honored SIR,

DIVERS of the moſt Judicious and wiſe whom I have Converſed with here, are at a ſtand, how to think of the preſent Aſpect of Affairs in this Critical Juncture, which probably will produce a wonderful turn one way or other. Our Proteſtant Intereſt lyes open to the Efforts of Popiſh plots, and Adventures at this time & it is ſtrange that ſo many pretended Proteſtants, ſhould Join with *Rome* in favour of the Popiſh Pretender, againſt our Proteſtant *King George*, by all Rights and ſtatutes the Lawful Soveraign of *Brttain & Ireland.*

It is well known, that ſince *Britain* and other Proteſtant ſtates, upon moſt Juſt and Neceſſary Cauſes did ſeparat from the Church of *Rome*, ſhe hath been Inceſſantly uſing all manner of means, by fraud & force for healing the wound received at, and by the Glorious Reformation from Popery, begun and Carryed on by *Zuinglius Luther, Calvin*, and other famous worthies qualified and bleſſed of God for that happy work in their day. it requires a vaſt Volum to narrat the horrid Conſpiracys and Barbarous Attempts Papiſts have aſſayed for Compaſſing their grand plot of ruining the Proteſtant Cauſe, ſince the Spaniſh Armada, 1588. To this day. It is not to be doubted, but they would reckon it among their chief aids and Advantages, to have one upon the

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Throne of *Baitain* educated in the Principles of Popery, and Instructed in the pernicious Maximes of Tyranny and Arbitrary Government. To this purpose, say the English Protestants, in their Memorial for the Prince and Princess of *Orange* pag. 7. The Suppression of the Protestants in *England*, hath been aways esteemed, the Principal part of the Popish design to Extirpat the Protestant Religion; and therefore all their Councils, policies and Conspiracies have been long employ'd about it, & have perfectly gain'd our now King (viz. *Jam.* 2. and 7.) to serve their design, of bringing *England* to the Obedience of their Church &c. The plot now on foot, and happily discovered, no doubt was hatched at *Rome*, but strange it is that any Professed Protestants should give in to Popish projects, and further their Mischievous designs, as said is, and may be said with an Emphasis.

We are not Ignorant that one of the Common Artifices, used at this time by the Pretenders friends, is, that he will give all the Security can be desired, for mantaining the Professed Religion of his Protestant Subjects. But this Cob-web pretence is so threed bare and thin, that by this time of day, the thinking part of the world, are well able to see through it experimentaly knowing the Notorious prevarications, and perfidi-

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ous practices of the Court and Church of *Rome*. And sure none but such as are fataly Infatuated by Heavens Curse and Plague upon them, or foolishly bewitched with the uncertain hope of Earthly Advantages, will please themselves with such a weak and witless Argument, which can never take with Men of thought and Conscience; Considering that their fraudulent practices flow from their Established principles: such as the Popes unlimited power to dispense with, allow of and Pardon the most Impious and Villainous Actions, when there is a good Intention thereby to advance the Catholick Cause and Interest: Also it is both their principle and practice that faith is not to be kept to Hereticks, which makes Cas and null, all the promises, Stipulations, Securities nay and the most sacred Oaths by word or write that can be given by Papists to Protestants Moreover Papal decrees and Councils both require, and declare it, to be Meritorious, Zealously to Extirpat Heretick's; and some they have honoured with the Cannonization of Saints, who have done most mischief to Protestant Princes and states. It is yet recent what Measures the late King *James* 2. and 7. Was taking for destroying the Protestant Religion, as he was Indoctrinated and Justigated by the Pope and his Emissaries. Neither is it forgotten what

what Havock the Late King of *France* made upon his Protestant Subjects, notwithstanding all his multipled promises, and the grand Legal security of the Edict of Nants, granted by *Henry.* 4. An. 1598. Which he Imperiously revoked and Annulled An. 1685. Hence it is not to be doubted but the Pretender will follow his Fathers footsteps, in breaking through all Laws, Oaths, and promises, and having been so long at School in *France*, under so Expert and great a Master of policy and perfidie, we may expect he'll write after so fam'd a Masterpice-Copy who would know the Antichristian Principls, and Practices hinted at, Let them Consult the Canons of Papal Councils, and Decrees, Likewise some such of their approven Authors, as, the Jesuits Mariana, Bellarmine, Sanchez &c.

It is usual for Men of bare and broken fortunes to Creat Confusions and disturbance, this Sea being their Element of drumbly waters, proper for them to fish in, for raising themselves upon the ruines of others. but 'tis a tope piece of folly, that Man of opulent Estates, who may live Sweetly in the peacable possession and use of them, should Concure to throw the Land of their Nativety into the mischiefs and Confusions of a Civil war, and Intestine Insurrections: such have smal prospect of being gainers, but huge

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Losers they may be, and become a prey to these Harpies who mind to live on spoil and Rapine, And it is also Considerable if the Pretender should mount the Throne of Britain the Pope would get a ready handle to require a Restitution of Kirlands, who sure will not fail to advance his Claims and pretences, and also exert his Paramount power to this effect, which he actually did when Queen *Mary*, swayed the English Scepter; which would make many a poor Lord and Laird in Britain we may addhere that the Pope, and other Popish Princes, specially *France*, would have Infinit demands to make on account of the Pretenders Debts, that would surpass the Ability of Britain to pay Considering their Vast debts already, which wouldaffect all ranks of People great and small.

None that are acquaint with Martyrologies, and the History of the Spanish Inquisition, and Savage Massacres, but may know that the Spirit and Religion of Popery Lyes in Cruel executions of Deaths and Tortures, on all who will not own the Popes Supremacy, or refuse Complyance with the Idolatries, Superstitions, and Damnable Errours of the Antichristian Church of *Rome* will it not be a Tragical Turne to have a han- in making Britain a scene and shambles of blou dy Butcherys, as the forsaid Popish Queen dp in the dismal *Marian* days. Their

There is nothing more portends ſuch threatned Miſeries Coming upon us, than our abominable Abuſe of our greateſt of Mercys, the long Enjoyment of Truth and peace, for which we have not been duely thankful to God, but contrare wiſe have waxed wanton, and kicked againſt both his Goodneſs & Greatneſs Moreover our prodigious Inteſtine diviſions, Contentions, & party Animoſitys as they prognoſticat approaching Calamitys, ſo they pave the way for deſolations, marr the ſucceſs of the Goſpel, and are the Bane of Charity, and piety. But Chiefly it both portends and procures deſolating Judgments, that there is the God provoking Guilt of ſo many Notorious Immoralitys and Scandalous Impietys to be found among the greater part of profeſſing proteſtants, ſurpaſſing even the Deeds of the Heathen. beſides that ſome are thus Impudently flagitious in their Lives, there are ſome alſo looſe and ſceptical in their principles, even to the Atheiſtcial ridiculing all that is ſacred, nay not a few are ſtricking at the Fundamental Principles of Chriſtiainity. Others are deteſtable Gallios caring litle whither Religion ſink or ſwime, while to the ſhame and reproach of Proteſtants, Papiſts are ſo Zealous, Indefatigable and united in propagating their Antichriſtian Superſtitions and Idolatries: Tell it not in Gath &c. We are far from

from the Heroic Courage and Zeal of our worthy Anceſtors, who in face of Fire and Sword ſignalized their faithfulneſs in keeping themſelves free from Popery and Slaverie, and tranſmitting their Proteſtant Principles pure and ſafe to poſterity.

O that Magiſtrats, Judges, Nobility, Gentry, Goſpel Miniſters, and all Ranks of People were deeply apprized of the Imminent hazard, that our Holy Religion, our Protestant King *George*, our Country, Laws Lands and Liberty's are in this day, and that all may by Righteous and Lawful means, do duty in their ſeveral ſpheres of Activity, for the publick good, and ſafty of our Valuable Interests ſacred and Civil. *Let* God ariſe, and let all his Enemies periſh I hope you will joine your *Amen* with this prayer Begging you'l pardon my tranſgreſſing the due Volume of a miſſive Letter, and wiſhing the Almighty may direct and protect King and Parliament in all their managments, in this very Critical Juncture, I reſt.

Your Moſt Humble Servant &c.

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